

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant elects Group I , claims 1-5 and 28 for prosecution. These claims are drawn to a windshield wiper device including a wiper shaft. New claim 28 depends from claim 1. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled.

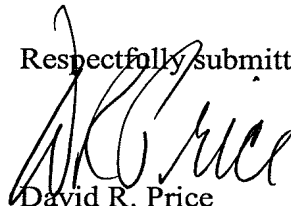
Claim 6 has been amended to be an independent claim drawn to a wiper arm. Applicants believe claims 6-10 are now proper claims. Claims 13-18 have been cancelled.

New claims 19-27 are drawn to a windshield wiper device including both a wiper shaft and a wiper arm. Claim 19 includes all of the limitations of claim 1, and also the limitations of claim 6. New claims 20-23 depend from claim 19 and include the limitations of claims 2-5. New claims 24-26 depend from claim 19 and include the limitations of claims 8-10. New claim 27 depends from claim 19 and includes the limitations of claim 28.

Because claims 19-27 include all of the limitations of claim 1 and are drawn to a windshield wiper device including a wiper shaft, claims 19-27 should be examined along with claims 1-5 and 28.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the above amendment and allowance of claims 1-5 and 19-28 are respectfully requested.

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